

The LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning stimulates competition and benefits consumers. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.

The Regional Bells and large cable companies are swallowing up all of the smaller operators. They have an advantage without being regulated and competition is being squelched.